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Idaho Crop Estimates for 2012

Idaho's potato production totaled 143 million cwt, up 11 percent from 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield from the 344,000 harvested acres was 416 cwt per acre, up 12 cwt from 2011.

Idaho sugarbeet production totaled 6.43 million tons, up 6 percent from 2011's production. Harvested acreage, at 182,000, was up 6,000 acres from 2011. Yield, at 35.3 tons per acre, was up 0.9 ton from last year and a new record high.

All wheat production in Idaho totaled 98.0 million bushels, down 15 percent from 2011. Average yield of 78.2 bushels per acre was down from 82.8 bushels per acre in 2011. Acres harvested totaled 1.25 million, down 148,000 acres from 2011. Idaho's 2012 winter wheat crop totaled 59.2 million bushels from 740,000 harvested acres, down 6 percent from 2011's 63.1 million bushels. The average yield of 80.0 bushels per acre is down 2 bushels per acre from 2011. The State's spring wheat production totaled 38.0 million bushels from 500,000 harvested acres, down 27 percent from 2011. Average yield of 76.0 bushels per acre was down 8 bushels from 2011. Idaho's 2012 durum wheat production totaled 806,000 bushels from 13,000 harvested acres, up 6 percent from 2011. The average yield for durum was 62.0 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels from 2011.

Barley production in Idaho totaled 53.7 million bushels from 590,000 harvested acres, up 15 percent from 2011's production. The average yield of 91.0 bushels per acre was down 2 bushels from 2011. Oat production, at 975 thousand bushels, was down 7 percent from 2011. Producers harvested 15,000 acres and averaged 65.0 bushels per acre.

All dry hay production for Idaho totaled 4.76 million tons from 1.34 million harvested acres. This compares to 5.07 million tons from 1.35 million acres in 2011. The average dry hay yield for Idaho was 3.55 tons per acre, down from 3.76 tons last year. All haylage and greenchop production totaled 1.22 million tons from 105,000 harvested acres.

Corn harvested for grain totaled 25.7 million bushels, up 16 percent from last year. Acres harvested for grain totaled 135,000. Yield was estimated at 190.0 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels from last year. Corn harvested for silage was 5.94 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. Average yield from 220,000 harvested acres was 27.0 tons per acre, down 0.5 ton from last year. Idaho set records for corn in grain production, acres harvested for grain, and grain yield.

Dry Bean production totaled 3.02 million cwt, up 61 percent from 2011. Average yield from 144,000 harvested acres was 2,100 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from 2011.

Dry edible pea production in Idaho was estimated at 494,000 cwt, up 83 percent from 2011's production. Average yield from 26,000 harvested acres was 1,900 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from the previous year. Idaho's 2012 lentil production totaled 384,000 cwt, up 9 percent from 2011. Average yield from 32,000 harvested acres was 1,200 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds from 2011. Austrian Winter Pea production in Idaho totaled 59,000 cwt, down 31 percent from 2011. Average yield was 1,300 pounds per acre from 4,500 harvested acres.

Canola production totaled 66.6 million pounds from 37,000 harvested acres. This compares to 38.9 million pounds from 18,500 harvested acres in 2011.

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